

Applicant submits the following additional arguments.

Applicant respectfully submits that the Office Action attached to the Advisory Action still shows that the Examiner has not correctly applied the prior art of record. This is because Applicant believes that the three references relied on by the Examiner still do not disclose or suggest the present invention as claimed.

Applicant respectfully submits that a combination of the three references relied on by the Examiner would result in a headset with a plug connection for a cable which simultaneously transmits audio data and charges the headset. However, this is exactly where the present invention is distinguished over the prior art. This is because the present invention does not seek a simultaneous transmission of audio data and charging, but, on the contrary, either audio transmission or charging. The feature according to which the present invention is distinguished over the prior art is the fact that only a single plug is provided at the headset for different cables or cable plugs, wherein this single plug at the headset is sufficient for both functions.

Applicant respectfully submits that it would be helpful to

evaluate the advantages of such a plug connection system as compared to a classic USB connection.

An advantage is the fact that a high-quality audio transmission takes place through special cable connections which are made of a special material and in most cases have a sophisticated screening in order to reduce harmful influences from the outside. If electrical energy is supplied through the same cable simultaneously with the audio signal, an inevitable influence on the audio signals must be expected which means that its quality is reduced. Consequently, it is desired that the headset is charged only when no audio data are being heard.

The present invention simplifies the use of the headset for the user because the user does not have to make a decision into which plug a cable is to be inserted. The audio cable as well as the charging cable are inserted into the same plug. However, they can never be plugged in at the same time.

For receiving various different cable plugs, the connector socket includes appropriate first and second contact surfaces which take into account the different configurations of the plug (charging or audio transmission), so that always a correct electrical connection is effected.

Entry of this response is respectfully solicited.

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